

**In the Specification:**

Page 1, after the Title, insert the following heading:

**FIELD AND BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

Page 2, line 6, insert the following heading:

**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

Page 5, line 7, insert the following heading:

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

Page 6, line 19, insert the following heading:

**DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION**

Amend the Abstract of the Disclosure as follows:

~~Cervical~~ The cervical prosthesis ~~consisting of the invention~~ includes a lower cover plate (10) which is to be connected to a lower vertebral body, an upper cover plate (11) which is to be connected to an upper vertebral body, and a prosthesis core (12) which forms a ~~hinged~~ connection, preferably hinged, between the upper cover plate and lower cover plate. The bottom surface of the lower cover plate (10) is substantially flat. The top surface (14) of the upper cover plate (11) is convex at least in sagittal section.